

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 12-604.1 and by adding Section 1-218.10 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-218.10 new)

7 Sec. 1-218.10. Video event recorder. A video recorder
8 placed inside a vehicle that continuously records, in a digital
9 loop, audio, video, and G-force levels, but saves video only
10 when triggered by an unusual shaking motion or crash of a
11 vehicle, or when operated by a driver to monitor driver
12 performance.

13 (625 ILCS 5/12-604.1)

14 Sec. 12-604.1. Video devices.

15 (a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle if a
16 television receiver, a video monitor, a television or video
17 screen, or any other similar means of visually displaying a
18 television broadcast or video signal that produces
19 entertainment or business applications is operating and is
20 located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back
21 of the driver's seat, or is operating and visible to the driver
22 while driving the motor vehicle.

1 (a-5) A person commits aggravated use of a video device
2 when he or she violates subsection (a) and in committing the
3 violation he or she was involved in a motor vehicle accident
4 that results in great bodily harm, permanent disability,
5 disfigurement, or death to another and the violation was a
6 proximate cause of the injury or death.

7 (b) This Section does not apply to the following equipment,
8 whether or not permanently installed in a vehicle:

9 (1) a vehicle information display;

10 (2) a global positioning display;

11 (3) a mapping or navigation display;

12 (4) a visual display used to enhance or supplement the
13 driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor
14 vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle;

15 (5) television-type receiving equipment used
16 exclusively for safety or traffic engineering studies; or

17 (6) a television receiver, video monitor, television
18 or video screen, or any other similar means of visually
19 displaying a television broadcast or video signal, if that
20 equipment has an interlock device that, when the motor
21 vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for all uses
22 except as a visual display as described in paragraphs (1)
23 through (5) of this subsection (b).

24 (c) This Section does not apply to a mobile, digital
25 terminal installed in an authorized emergency vehicle, a motor
26 vehicle providing emergency road service or roadside

1 assistance, or to motor vehicles utilized for public
2 transportation.

3 (d) This Section does not apply to a television receiver,
4 video monitor, television or video screen, or any other similar
5 means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video
6 signal if: (i) the equipment is permanently installed in the
7 motor vehicle; and (ii) the moving entertainment images that
8 the equipment displays are not visible to the driver while the
9 motor vehicle is in motion.

10 (d-5) This Section does not apply to a video event
11 recorder, as defined in Section 1-218.10 of this Code,
12 installed in a contract carrier vehicle. A contract carrier
13 vehicle carrying passengers that is equipped with a video event
14 recorder shall have a notice posted in a visible location
15 stating that a passenger's conversation may be recorded. Any
16 data recorded by a video event recorder shall be the sole
17 property of the registered owner or lessee of the contract
18 carrier vehicle.

19 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section, a
20 person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of a petty
21 offense and shall be fined not more than \$100 for a first
22 offense, not more than \$200 for a second offense within one
23 year of a previous conviction, and not more than \$250 for a
24 third or subsequent offense within one year of 2 previous
25 convictions.

26 (f) A person convicted of violating subsection (a-5)

1 commits a Class A misdemeanor if the violation resulted in
2 great bodily harm, permanent disability, or disfigurement to
3 another. A person convicted of violating subsection (a-5)
4 commits a Class 4 felony if the violation resulted in the death
5 of another person.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-499, eff. 1-1-12; 98-507, eff. 1-1-14.)